

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OBJECTING TO UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2334

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I will vote for House Resolution 11, "Objecting to United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace," because I believe the UN resolution was not objective, but rather one-sided by placing the blame solely on Israel as the obstacle to peace.

For years, I have strongly advocated for direct peace negotiations between Israel and Palestine because I firmly believe peace can be achieved only if Israel and Palestine negotiate directly in good faith and on fair terms. I remain hopeful this will happen.

While I deeply oppose the continued building of settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, I believe the United Nations Security Council Resolution does more harm than good. Here's why:

First, Resolution 2334 passed by the UNSC does nothing to advance peace. Instead it bolsters Israel's enemies and pushes the two state solution to peace further out of reach by forcing nations to choose between supporting Israel or Palestine.

Second, while I agree the settlements serve as one of many obstacles to peace, the UNSC resolution singles out the settlements and ignores Palestinian violence, the role of Hamas and its refusal to recognize Israel as the Jewish state. These are essential and critical issues that must be addressed to achieve lasting peace.

This omission is unacceptable. My vote on Resolution 11 illustrates this belief and my strong desire for fairness and peace between Israelis and Palestinians which will enable Israel to protect its security and its existence as a Jewish and democratic state. This can only be achieved by a two state solution.

HONORING GARY GIACOMINI

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 9, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Gary Giacomini, who passed away on December 2, 2016, after a lifetime of service to his community.

Born in San Francisco in 1939, Mr. Giacomini spent most of his life as a resident of Marin County. He attended St. Mary's College in Moraga, and earned his law degree at San Francisco Hastings College of Law in 1965 as an honor student. A stalwart, civic-minded community member, Mr. Giacomini occupied

many roles over the course of his highly productive professional and political career. Renowned for his bedrock strength, and sometimes cantankerous demeanor, he was always straight-forward and clear about his principles and convictions.

Political from a young age, Mr. Giacomini was student body president of Marin Catholic High School. He won a seat on the Lagunitas School Board in 1968, and was elected to represent Marin's 4th District on the Board of Supervisors in 1972, where he served until 1996. Upon his retirement from the Board of Supervisors, he was the longest-serving county supervisor in the history of California. In addition, he was a member of 25 other state and regional boards and commissions, including 10 years on the California Coastal Commission and 20 years on the Golden Gate Bridge District. In 2007, Marin Magazine named him one of the 13 most influential people in county history.

Chief among his many exceptional accomplishments for Marin's residents and environment, Mr. Giacomini led the movement to preserve West Marin open space, protect the environment, and preserve the county's historic ranchlands. In appreciation for his enduring resolve and track record protecting these lands, in 2001 a 1,500-acre open space preserve in the San Geronimo area was named for Giacomini. He was dubbed as one of the heroic group of Rebels with a Cause for his work to save a vast stretch of Marin's coastline for parks and farms. He also instigated, with his colleagues, public ownership of the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way from Marin to Eureka in the 1980s, paving the way to Sonoma-Marina Area Rail Transit's future use of the tracks, where service is expected to begin this year.

In 1985, Mr. Giacomini coordinated a strenuous battle to ensure the Buck Trust, bequeathed to Marin for its needs and programs by Ross philanthropist Beryl Buck, was not dispersed outside Marin. This culminated in the formation of the Marin Community Foundation in 1986. After leaving public service in 1996, Mr. Giacomini went on to serve two terms on the board of the Marin Community Foundation, including time as Chairman of the Board.

Over the years, Mr. Giacomini developed a well-earned reputation, as noted by the Marin Independent Journal, for his ability to promote common ground between the interests of Marin's diverse agricultural community and preservationists. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons, Andrew and Antony; a sister, Roberta Powers; and five grandchildren. He has left an indelible mark not just on his family and the community of Marin, but on children and families far and wide.

A formidable force whose presence will be greatly missed, it is my honor, Mr. Speaker, to recognize the breadth and depth of Mr. Giacomini's legacy of commitment and his many victories for the people and places of Marin. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor his memory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 9, 2017

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on January 5, 2017, during the vote on roll call 11, on H. Res. 11, I inserted my voting card believing that my YEA vote had been recorded. It was my intention to vote YES on H. Res. 11.

TRIBUTE TO KAYE FRANCES WILLIAMS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 9, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Kaye Frances Williams, formerly of Selma, Alabama—a childhood friend, outstanding lawyer, devoted wife, doting aunt, amazing sister, loving daughter and special friend to many.

Born on January 4, 1962, Kaye was the eldest daughter of the late Martha and Fred D. Williams, Jr. and the sister to my childhood best friend Kimberly Joyce Williams, whom I affectionately called "Kimmie Jo".

Every childhood memory I have includes the Williams family. I can still see that house in Lakewood and I will never forget that home telephone number. I am so grateful for the love and support I received from the Williams family. I spent so much time with them that I even called their parents Uncle Fred and T-Mart. I can still smell the aroma of their mother's homemade fried chicken—Colonel Sanders had nothing on T-Mart's chicken.

Kaye grew up a true "Southern Belle" from the most affluent African American family in the historic town of Selma, Alabama. The Williams were the epitome of black high society in Selma. The Williams family owned Black Selma—they were the premier florist, owning Fred's Flower and Gift Shop as well as JH Williams Funeral Home. They were the top educators, entrepreneurs, doctors and philanthropists. The Williams family had it "go on". They even summered at Cape May—when black folks in Selma didn't even know Jersey had a shore.

Deprived of female siblings myself, Kim was my sister/BFF and Kaye was "our big sister". Kaye had it all—she was beautiful, smart, fun and talented—Kaye was the girl we all wanted to be.

Kaye Frances Williams was a trailblazer. She blazed the trail that so many of us in Selma aspired to follow. I set my own goals by the achievements of Kaye Williams. I wanted to be a debater because Kaye was the first black debater at Selma High School. I wanted to be in student government because Kaye was the first black President of the Selma

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